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A group of reports describing the appearance and activities of Soviet naval vessels sighted in the Kolskiy Zaliv

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Ship	Place
1. a. Five destroyers	Kolskiy Zaliv
b. One auxiliary vessel	Kolskiy Zaliv
c. One submarine	Kolskiy Zaliv
d. Four cruisers	Kolskiy Zaliv
e. Two cruisers	Murmansk
2. a. Three cruisers	Bukhta Vayenga
b. One cruiser	Mys Filinskiy
c. Five or six midget submarines	Shipyard south of Polyarnyy
d. 20 MTBs	Mys Velikiy
e. One cruiser,	Rosta Shipyard
3. a. Six probable cruisers,	Bukhta Vayenga

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This report notes generally high naval and air activity in Kolskiy Zaliv

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4. a. Passenger ship Motovski Zaliv
b. One destroyer, Outside the entrance to Kolskiy Zaliv

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- c. Four escort vessels Outside the entrance to
 Kolskiy Zaliv
- d. One escort vessel,
 [redacted] Kolskiy Zaliv
- e. Two destroyers [redacted] Kolskiy Zaliv
- f. Two minesweepers [redacted] Kolskiy Zaliv
- g. Five cruisers [redacted] Rosta

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This report also describes considerable helicopter activity in the Rosta area.



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[redacted] in the
KOLA Inlet altogether 6 large naval vessels
were seen. Two were anchored along the western
shore opposite VAYENGA Bay. [redacted]

Lying in VAYENGA Bay were four vessels of the
same size. [redacted]

Description [redacted]
Two turrets in the forecastle head with 3 or
4 guns in each, bridge with mast, funnel, gun-
turret, mast, funnel, deckhouse with gun-turret,
2 turrets with 3 or 4 guns, deckline raised near
nr. one funnel.

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See sketch.

[redacted] was "about" like [redacted] except
that both funnels were similar to the forward
funnel [redacted]

West of the Inlet abaft TYUVA Bay a tugboat
was seen towing a barge with target out of the
Inlet.

[redacted] at night, judging by the lights,
only two large vessels were in VAYENGA Bay.
To the west across VAYENGA Bay was a line of
buoys with flash lights. At the end of the line
was one green and one red light. Definite position
of the line of buoys cannot be given.

There was altogether great activity in the Inlet
[redacted]

Outside the KOLA Inlet nothing could be seen
because of storm.

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2. AIR.

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There was great activity in the air on the night of [redacted] Very many large planes, (judging by sound they were propeller driven.) came on a westerly course along the inlet where it runs east/west. [redacted]

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[redacted] light signals were sent by a powerful red lamp. The signal was NL followed by a lang dash (-. ..- .-----):

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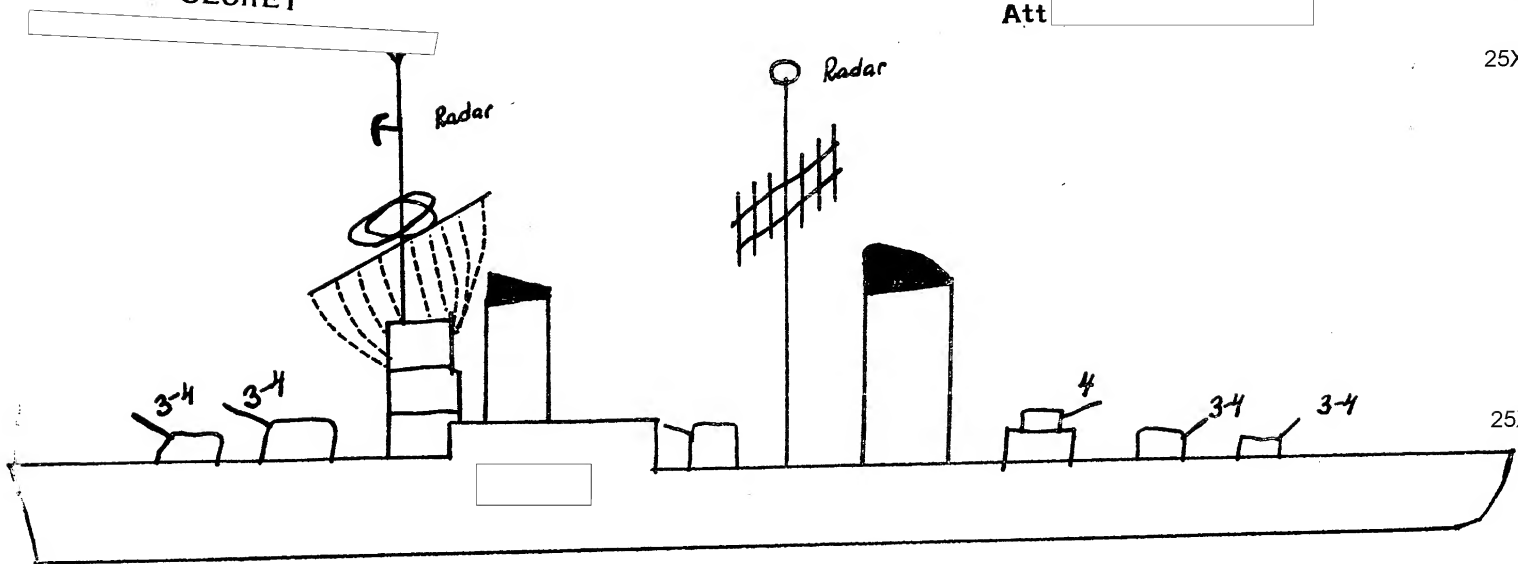
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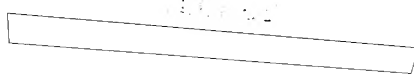
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1. NAVAL.

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[REDACTED] a passenger ship of about 15000 tons was observed in the Motovski Gulf. She held an easterly course close into land. A little later the vessel turned into the Gulf again.

[REDACTED] several Naval vessels were passed under exercise outside the mouth of the Kola Inlet. A tugboat with a target held a northerly course followed by a destroyer at a distance of about 1 nautical mile. There was continual signaling by lamp between the vessels. Four Escort Destroyers bore down on them from the west at great speed headed for the target. At a distance of about 2 nautical miles from the target they turned sharply to port and disappeared on a westerly course. The vessels held their stations during this manoeuvre.

Description of Destroyer: [REDACTED] length about 400ft, flush deck with a decided sheer in the bow. The bulwark appeared to be high as people on the foredeck could hardly be seen. One turret gun on the foredeck and artillery ahead of the bridge. Astern of the bridge a lattice mast with an RCA-type radar-scanner, a sloping funnel, a lattice mast with a distinctive radarscanner ("a horizontally rotating motor with a vertically centered lattice screen"), a sloping funnel, artillery on the quarter deck.

[REDACTED]
Description of the Escort Destroyers: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] length about 250ft, one mast and one funnel.

[REDACTED] an Escort Destroyer passed into the Kola Inlet. [REDACTED] one mast and one funnel. Immediately after a destroyer came out of the Inlet. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] two minesweepers passed out of the Inlet. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] All [REDACTED]

A few minutes later a destroyer [REDACTED] left the Inlet. The vessel had a medium forecastle-head, guns on the foredeck, a lattice mast astern of the bridge, sloping funnel, deckhouse, transverse stern.

In the vicinity of Rosta four cruisers were lying at anchor and one alongside the quay. [REDACTED]

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2. AIR.

Helicopters were seen every day, even one day when the temperature sank to + 32°C. They always seemed to come from the south and to land near the Rosta shipyard. The helicopters were blue/grey with a large red star and four windows in the body.

3. OBSTRUCTIONS.

There are two rows of buoys from the shore on both sides of the entrance to the Kola Inlet.

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[redacted] five medium size naval vessels were seen in the KOLA Inlet. (Destroyers) No description available. Beside a small auxiliary vessel lying at anchor was seen a red painted submarine of "conventional" appearance apart from a sloping, large tube jutting from the rear of the tower at about a 45° angle.

Four larger naval vessels (cruisers) were seen either anchored or moored to a buoy. [redacted]

[redacted] they were all of similar type. At the shipyard just outside NORMANBY two more were seen. The nearest vessel [redacted] was like the 4 vessels in the Inlet. They seemed to be of the same length, but the funnels of the inner vessel appeared to be lower. The vessels were partly concealed by large iron scaffolding round the turrets. A number of welding flames suggested a great deal of work onboard.

[redacted] the larger vessels had a 20,000 ton displacement.

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the following naval
vessels were seen in the KOLA Inlet:

1. In VAYENGA Bay 3 cruisers.
2. Anchored outside FILINSKI Point 69° 06' N, one cruiser,
3. West of the Inlet just south of POLYARNOYE 5 or 6 midget submarines under construction in a small shipyard.
4. At VELIKI Point 23 MTB's on shore partly covered by tarpaulines.
5. At ROSTA shipyard a cruiser, and several smaller naval vessels

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Re 1, 2 and 5. Description of cruisers:

were alike. Long fore-castle head, 2 gun turrets, bridge, 2 funnels, to main deck, 2 gun turrets. lying in the shipyard there could be seen no scaffolding or anything else showing work onboard.

the shipyard was in GORYACHINSKAYA Bay (69°10,5' N). The submarines seemed to be under construction in the shipyard. the size of the vessels was comparable to some 2man submarines

2. SHIPYARD.

A shipyard with a large floating-dock was seen in the CHELMPUSHKA Bay.